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1. The Transport Workers' Hospital, located at 110 or 112 Georgi Dimitrov Street in Sofia, is the only hospital in Bulgaria for transport workers, and it serves all employees of the Ministry of Transport. The only exceptions are the Minister and the deputy Ministers, who are admitted at a special hospital. Although the Ministry of Transport has directorates for air, river, motor, and rail transportation, the patients at the hospital are almost exclusively railroad workers and their families. The hospital is responsible to the Ministry of Transport for all administrative matters and to the Ministry of Health for all technical matters.
2. The hospital has a staff of approximately 30 physicians, 20 nurses, and over 50 other employees. It has wards for internal diseases, surgery, gynecology, and X-ray. Patients who need to be placed in other wards are sent to hospitals which have those wards.
3. A physician at the hospital works six or seven hours daily and receives a monthly salary of from 650 to 700 leva. Most of them, therefore, receive patients after work hours in order to earn the absolute minimum cost of living. A qualified nurse earns from 450 to 500 leva per month.
4. A polyclinic for outpatients is affiliated with the hospital and furnishes free medical treatment for transport workers and their families. Any drugs which the polyclinic physician prescribes must be bought and paid for by the patient.
5. A transport worker who comes to the polyclinic for treatment must bring with him a note from the physician of the workshop or particular department. This note contains personal data on the patient, the nature of his illness, and the treatment required. A worker will not be accepted for treatment without this note, and no other document or identity card is required.
6. The hospital has one Opel car and two ambulances. The doctor on duty at the polyclinic uses the Opel to visit out-patients who are confined to bed.

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